



MCC®

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

**Sunday, October 12, 2014
17th Pentecost**

Harvest Reconciliation



930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Live Boldly

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing

Notes From The Office at MCCLV



Administrative Assistant

Paula Merkel

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm

Friday: 8am—12 noon

Please Note

The office will be closed

October 13, 2014

In honor of Columbus Day

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV is required to email avteam@mcclv.org at least 2 weeks in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church is required to fill out a space reservation form. Write to office@mcclv.org for more information.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is
Wednesday at noon – email to office@mcclv.org

Looking for low-cost space for your birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to www.youtube.com and search **MCC LV**.



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8th ANNUAL
TRICKY TRAY
BASKET RAFFLE

TAILGATE
PARTY

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2014

Doors Open Drawing Begins
at 9 AM at 12 NOON

American Club
of Cosplay Pavilion
300 Cherry Street
Coplay, PA 18037

TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 (non-refundable)
Includes Tailgate Party Luncheon

To pre-purchase tickets (space is limited)
Email: TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com
or see a Tricky Tray Committee Member

Personal checks at the door require photo ID
MasterCard and VISA accepted day of event

Over 100
Fabulous Prizes to Win!
Flat Screen LCD/HDTV
Lenovo Laptop
Microsoft Surface
eReader
Dyson Vacuum
Keurig Coffee Maker
Blue Ray Player
Children's Electronics
Coach Purse
Cookware
Lottery Ticket Trees
PLUS
Fantastic Gift Cards!
Cash Prizes!
Door Prizes!

All proceeds raised will benefit the Communities and Missions served by:

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TRICKY TRAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IT PAYS TO VOLUNTEER!

The Tricky Tray Committee needs volunteers to help before and on the day of the event. Volunteers are needed on **Friday, November 7th** to transport baskets and set up the event space. Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 8th** to sell raffle tickets for each prize category and to assist with prize running during the drawing portion of the day.

Lastly, volunteers are needed to canvas the Lehigh Valley with posters for the event (local businesses, supermarkets, daycares, etc. please get the store owner/management's permission before posting a sign).

Those volunteering during the event on the 8th will receive \$26 in perks and the Tricky Tray Committee's eternal gratitude!

Day-of-Event Volunteers get: reduced priced \$20 admission ticket and lunch (value \$5), 5 Purple tickets (value \$5), 3 Orange tickets (value \$9) and 1 Yellow ticket (value \$7) for a total value of \$26.

Contact Jenn LaTorre at jlaroux2002@yahoo.com or see her following worship to sign up. Thank you!

TRICKY TRAY CORPORATE DONATIONS AND POSTERS

Help the Tricky Tray Committee by taking corporate donation letters to all the businesses you frequent (hairdresser, bank, restaurants/bars, real estate agent, mechanic, florist, accountant, lawyer, etc.) and personally asking them to support MCCLV by either donating an item, service, or gift certificate for inclusion in a basket OR placing an ad in the event program booklet. Donation letters are available following service. The letter includes the sizes and costs for placing advertisements in the program.

See Sue Carpenter or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee for letters or posters.

TRICKY TRAY TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!!

Come out and have a fun time while hopefully winning a great prize! Invite your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers! The venue can accommodate 25 tables which is 200 people. The committee welcomes the problem of "overselling" the house!

Questions or to buy tickets, please see Wendy Bitterman or any member of the Tricky Tray Committee following worship.

Stewardship Team Meets 4th Sunday of Month



MCCLV's Stewardship Team meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Come to these great gatherings and help plan things like the church's annual pledge drive.



All are welcome to participate.

Contact Jim Harbst at jim.harbst@icloud.com or Lauren Sheldon at laurenesheldon@gmail.com for more information.

Quote Of The Day

Know yourself, you are unique, priceless and a gift to this world.

(Apoorve Dubey)

MCCLV's Prayer Team

If you have an urgent prayer request, please email the Prayer Team at prayer.team@mcclv.org. Your prayer need will go out to over 70 people who are on MCCLV's Prayer Team. Also, if you'd like to be on this dedicated team, please let MCCLV know by emailing the Prayer Team.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Include The Name of a Departed Loved One

MCCLV will be observing All Saints Sunday on **November 2**, with a special slide show of names of beloved family members or friends who have passed on to glory. Send in the name(s) you'd like to see on the slide show to MCCLV's Admin Assistant, Paula Merkel at office@mcclv.org or phone 610-709-8800.

*"For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!"*



God has made everything beautiful in its time.

(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

OCTOBER FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE TODAY at 12:15 pm.



See Sue Carpenter.

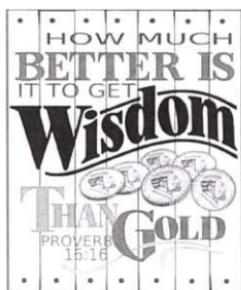
FACT BINGO

Fighting AIDS Continuously Together is having **BINGO** on **October 19, 2014** from 1pm-5pm at Diamonz in Bethlehem. \$20 for 20 games - cash prizes too. See Hollis Perry at hollisp@rcn.com for more information.

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	FREE 4785 SPACE	49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

Want to Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge?

Make a six night commitment this coming Autumn that will transform your life! Join in a six-part Adult Bible Study, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Get an in-depth look at six important New Testament letters and be forever changed!



October 15: Galatians

October 22: Ephesians

October 29: Philippians

November 5: Colossians

November 12: 1 Thessalonians

November 19: 2 Thessalonians

The AV Team Needs You!

Do you enjoy techie things? Interested in how the technology at MCCLV comes together?

See Jeff Hayes or e-mail
avteam@mcclv.org for more details.



FOOD PANTRY



We will be open on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm and will be distributing food in the library.



Please think about volunteering one Sunday a month or once every couple of months. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact:
Saadia Negron at sadidia.negron@yahoo.com
or Judy McNally at njm0@Lehigh.edu.

PAID NURSERY WORKER SOUGHT

Paid Nursery Worker sought for MCCLV'S Sunday morning worship services. For an application, contact the church's administrative assistant, Paula Merkel, at office@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800

**Help
Wanted**



FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George smgmcclov@gmail.com
Ron Smith rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com



FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus
babaus@hotmail.com
Lauren Sheldon
laurenesheldon@gmail.com



FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer lorelibauer@aol.com
Elaine Ely pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group! A FORGE group is a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on transformation, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.



Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West), you may attend whichever group you choose.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***

MCCLV Members Aim For 10%!

Weekly Pledge Guidelines

Weekly Income	10%	5%	4%	2%
\$200	\$20	\$10	\$8	\$4
\$500	\$50	\$25	\$20	\$10
\$750	\$75	\$37	\$30	\$15
\$1,000	\$100	\$50	\$40	\$20
\$1,500	\$150	\$75	\$60	\$30
\$2,000	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$40



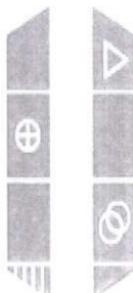
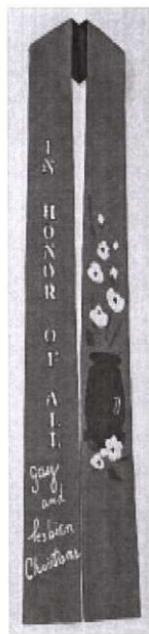
Congregational Meeting

Save The Date

November 16, 2014

Details to Follow

A celebration of LGBT inclusion in religious life



**Shower
of Stoles
PROJECT**

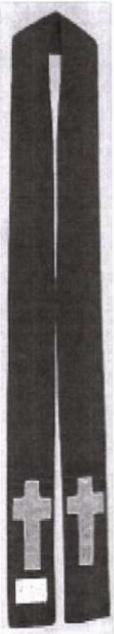


Exhibit and Program

October 29, 2014 6:30-8pm
brief program at 7pm

Egner Memorial Chapel at Muhlenberg College
2400 W. Chew St. Allentown, PA 18104

The Shower of Stoles is a collection of over a thousand liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people of faith. These religious leaders have served in thirty-two denominations and faith traditions, in six countries, and on three continents. Each stole contains the story of a GLBT person who is active in the life and leadership of their faith community in some way: minister, elder, deacon, teacher, missionary, musician, administrator, or active layperson.

Sponsored by:



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Muhlenberg Trans* Advocacy Coalition

READING GROUP CANCELLED



Many thanks to all who volunteered to read a first draft of Rev. Goudy's novel. The reading group has been cancelled and all volunteer readers are warmly invited to enjoy the book upon its publication!

CHURCH MEMBER LORELI BAUER HOSTS A “GIVE THANKS” OPEN HOUSE

Join Loreli & Leslie
Saturday, November 1
4:00-7:00pm

420 South 9th Street
Perkasie, PA



Home-made soups, bread, wassail and more
Bring a side dish or a dessert to share

RSVP by October 25 to 215-257-6836

Donations for MCCLV's Food Pantry
will graciously be accepted

Important DATE!

Meeting of ALL Ushers, Blessers and Acolytes will be held **October 19, 2014** following worship in the Sanctuary.

Topic:
Changes to policies

Also, anyone who feels a calling for any of these positions, or has any question please contact Ed Rohrbach. Phone number (484) 538-9165.

MCCLV is collecting donations for food cards



2nd Sunday of the month after the worship service. Consider purchasing a gift card from **Giant, Redners or Weis** or making a donation to help those in great need of reducing their grocery store bills.

"Extraordinary Friends" Sunday School Class Forming

A new spiritual growth opportunity will be offered to young adults in need of a more concrete approach to learning about God's Word and God's role in their lives.

Programming will consist of two areas for growth. The first will be learning how we experience God's love for us and how we live a life dedicated to God. The second area will focus on being good stewards of God's earth by taking responsibility for the "Green Team" at MCCLV.



Classes will meet at 9am every Sunday

Questions or to join this group, please see Barb Baus or Sue Carpenter.

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. MCCLV is hosting Elaine Ely, a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the areas of end-of-life issues, loss and grief.

Her current hours at the church are:

Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

(other hours can be arranged upon request). For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.



Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.



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October 6, 2014

Jonathan Huerta
King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, LLC
1 West Broad Street
Suite 700
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Dear Jonathan,

I am writing to express MCCLV's thanks for your firm's donation of display space at the LGBT Wedding Expo. Your generosity is much appreciated.

MCCLV has been in continuous ministry since 1984 and, like KingSpry, the church is proud to advocate for equality and serve a diverse community.

We look forward to future partnerships with you and KingSpry.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Pastor, MCCLV

******More Tricky Tray Needs******
CALLING ALL BASKET WRAPPERS



The Tricky Tray Committee has set two dates for basket wrapping in preparation for the November 8th Tricky Tray event. If you can help with this project, it would be greatly appreciated. The dates are: **Sunday, October 19th following worship (pizza lunch) from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm and Saturday, November 1st from 9 am to 12 noon (donuts and coffee)**. All supplies will be provided.

TRICKY TRAY "PURPLE" BASKETS NEEDED!

The donation category most in need of help for the upcoming Tricky Tray Basket Raffle is the PURPLE category. This is the category where the total retail value of the basket needs to be \$50-\$149. Please keep in mind that with great sales, items can be purchased at discounts but the "value" of the basket gets calculated on the original retail value. Currently, there are 16 baskets promised in this category which needs 50-55.

Also in need are the **ORANGE** (retail value \$150-\$299) and **YELLOW** (retail value \$300-\$499) categories. For ORANGE, we currently have 2 promised and need a total of 8-10 and for YELLOW, we do not currently have any promised and need around 5 in total.

Any help you can provide in either donating or helping recruit business donations would be greatly appreciated. Please see Sue Carpenter or email her at TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com with questions or if you are able to help out. Baskets are due to the church asap or at the latest, the end of October.



MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.
Thank you for your cooperation!

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Are you in need of individual prayer?

MCCLV's Prayer Room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you.



You may also email Loreli:
lorelibauer@aol.com

Spiritual Drum Circle: Six Sunday Series

Six Sundays:
Oct 12 & 26; Nov 9 & 30;
Dec 14 & 18

Meeting in the MCCLV's Sanctuary from 1:30-2:30pm. Join us for a relaxed, fun exploration of spirit through group drumming hosted by Raea. Nurture the connection between you and Spirit, others and your higher self. But be warned: exposure to drumming may cause sudden outbursts of joy, happiness, energy, creativity, awareness and spontaneous healing!



No experience is necessary. If you have a drum or percussion instrument, please bring it. Some instruments will be available to share. Have questions? Contact Barb Baus at barb.baus@mcclv.org



UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

19th Pentecost: October 19, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **“Harvest Generosity”**

20th Pentecost: October 26, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **“Harvest Other-Centeredness”**

All Saints: November 2, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: 1 John 3:1-3 & Revelation 7:9-17

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **“Around The Throne”**

22nd Pentecost: November 9, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 42

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **“Savoring the Psalms I”**

23rd Pentecost: November 16, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 80

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **“Savoring the Psalms II”**

24th Pentecost: November 23, 2014

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **“Savoring the Psalms III”**

Today's Scripture Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know Christ no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, with whom we have been reconciled through Christ, and by whom we have been given a ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is exhorting you through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake God made Christ to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
10/05/2014	83	\$2,492.70
9/28/2014	101	\$2,682.88
9/21/2014	71	\$2,289.39
9/14/2014	84	\$1,256.51

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:

Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org

20s30s Young Men's Group, G.I.F.T. Young Women's Group, MCCLV Retirees, HIV Support, Drumming Circle, Fellowship, Visitor Team, Prayer Team, Reconciliation & Affirmation, Grief Counseling & Deacon Care

Spiritual Formation:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

FORGE Groups, Adult Spiritual Formation and Children & Youth Spiritual Formation

Outreach & Justice:

Barb Baus | barb.baus@mcclv.org

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Pantry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,

Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda
see any Board Member**

MCCLV DEACONS

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby, Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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